

RD AN No. 3609 (1942-A)
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TO: State Directors, Rural Development

ATTN: Community Programs Managers

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SUBJECT: Evidence of Significant Community Support for
Essential Community Facilities Projects

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

This Administrative Notice (AN) continues the requirement to obtain certificates of community support as stated in Sec. 3811 (7 U.S.C. 2009h).

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN replaces AN 3517 dated February 2, 2000.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

The statute requires evidence of significant community support in the form of a certification of support for each project or facility from any affected local government body. The certificate is required for all Community Facilities guaranteed loans, direct loans, and grants.

With the exceptions of essential community facilities owned by a local public body or a federally recognized Indian tribe serving local residents or tribal members, a certificate of support must be obtained from each affected local government within the service area of the facility. The term "local government" also includes tribal governments when tribal lands are within the service area. The certificate of support must be signed by an authorized official of the local government.

EXPIRATION DATE:
February 28, 2002

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding RD Instruction
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There is no requirement for financial support. The certificate of support should include sufficient information to determine that a community facility will provide needed services to the community and will have no adverse impact on other community facilities providing similar services. The organization is required to provide sufficient information to affected local governments as may be needed to obtain the certificate of support.

For questions concerning this AN, please contact Dan Spieldenner, Senior Loan Specialist, (202) 720-9700.